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Harford to Distribute Additional \$1 Million in COVID Relief to Local Restaurants: Applications Available for Second Round of State-Funded Assistance Grants

BEL AIR, Md., (Feb. 2, 2021) - Harford County will distribute an additional \$1,055,325 in COVID relief grants to local restaurants, funded by the state of Maryland. The amount of each State Restaurant Assistance Grant will depend on the number of applicants.

Restaurants, including food trucks and seasonal vendors, are eligible to apply even if they received other Harford County COVID relief grants funded by the federal CARES Act and the first round of state-funded restaurant grants.

Applications for this second round of state funding will be accepted starting Wednesday, Feb. 3, through Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. Applications and details are on the Harford County government website at http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/3061/State-Restaurant-Assistance-Grant.

Funds must be used for operating costs such as rent, payroll and job training; the purchase of equipment to expand outdoor dining; technology to support carryout and delivery; the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and disposable food containers; sanitization services, or other COVID-related expenses.

"Restaurants still need help as the pandemic and statewide restrictions limit their ability to pay employees and stay in business," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "Like we have done with prior grants, my administration will work quickly to bring relief to Harford's great restaurants."



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